

Spark Gap

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MARC Elects New Officers



For a summer picnic it felt more like a fall celebration. Over a dozen MARC members gathered September 15th at the Union Christian Church near Franklin, Indiana for the annual fall picnic and meeting. What historically had been an October event was

rescheduled to September so we didn't freeze our rubber duckies. Mother nature graced us with lots of sunshine and cool fall temperatures. So much for advanced planning.

Of course cooler temperatures made everyone scramble for another bowl of JR's famous Texas chili. Brenda, KC9EBL, turned out some great burgers and hot dogs on her warm charcoal grill. The hungry hams also had a healthy supply of rabbit food and chocolate brownies to complete the menu. Don, KB8PSL, and Jack, N8NRO, trekked over from Kettering, Ohio just to partake of JR's famous chili. It's become a Mid-State/Midwest favorite.

Following a cup of freshly brewed coffee, new club officers were sworn in for the 2007-2008 year. President is Jack Parker, W8ISH, Vice President is Dave Daily, KB9LOT, Treasurer is Steve Carmean, K9DY, and Secretary is Carol Osborne, KC9CFK. Everyone thanked JR, KB9HSE

and Brenda, KC9EBL for their years of service.

The picnic meeting broke up around 2:00 PM and everyone went home with full tummies and hope for a growing club.

...Jack, W8ISH

October 20th Meeting

Join us at the October meeting as we welcome our new officers and make plans for the next year. MARC will begin its twenty-fifth year come January 1st, 2008 and we are already making plans for a year of celebrations.

MARC will hold a Technician level class beginning in late February and of course there is exciting news regarding our repeater. It should be up and working very soon allowing us to reach out to more hams.

We will be discussing plans for new ID badges and other club business. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come and find out what we planning and share your great ideas.

As always some of the hams will be gathering at the Franklin Hardees for breakfast beginning at 7 AM. So stop by!

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From the President...



First of all, I will extend my thanks to club members who took the time and bought a stamp to return their election ballots. A record number of ballots for election of club officers were counted this year. For the first time in several years we actually had two hams nominated for president. According to our nominating committee it was a close count. In fact, it was a tie. Both Steve, K9DY, and myself, Jack, W8ISH, received the same number of votes. I say that's good. It shows a clear mandate for change by club members.

So, outside of mud wrestling how do you go about breaking a tie? Joe Rogers, KF9LQ, suggested we flip a coin. Steve was the only one with a coin handy, so he flipped. Tails! Jack took heads and was elected President. Steve took the Treasurer's Office since he already had a hand on the money. Dave Wendt, KA9OOH, declined the nomination.

We all look forward to serving this great club for the next year. I feel confident it's going to be a good year. Once our new Olive Branch Road repeater site becomes activated we should enjoy better coverage across the county. We hope this will re-energize activity on the club frequency and help us to rebuild the member base we have lost over the past few years. Down the road we are looking at new and interesting discussions of amateur radio technology during our monthly meetings. Public service, Homeland Security,

youth education and Field Day plans are also on the agenda.

The definition of club is a fraternity, an association, a party. It can't happen without YOU. I hope our club can enjoy another good year of food, fun and fellowship while we burn up the frequency with friendly chatter. See you on the airwaves.

73,

Jack W8ISH

Officers

President:
Meredith 'JR'
Osborne, KB9HSE

Vice President:
Dave Daily,
KB9LOT

Secretary:
Carol Osborne,
KC9CFK

Treasurer:
Brenda Haler,
KC9EBL

Repeater Trustee:
Jay Chrisman,
AA9YP

Spark Gap Editor:
Bob LaGrange,
N9SIU

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Greenwood Band Photos



Ed, WD9DVA



Linda, KC9GCH

Greenwood Marching Band Invitational 2007

It was a nice warm sunny Saturday afternoon for the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club to once again help provide public safety and parking assistance to the Greenwood High School Marching Band invitational. This was the tenth year for the club to provide some extra help to this well attended local event.

This year the weather just couldn't have been any better and that means that the City Park adjacent to the high school football field could be used for parking. This always works out well since the event is closer to the public parking. All went well and good comments were heard from those attending. There were fourteen bands participating this year from different parts of the state.

I would like to thank the following amateurs that helped with the event: W8ISH, KC9GCH, WD9DVA, KA9SWI, KB9LOT, N9QVO and N9SIU. We plan on helping again next year and if you have never worked the Greenwood Marching Band Invitational, you should do so and have a great time along with the rest of us. There is never too much help for the event.

73,

Bob, N9SIU

Picnic Photos



Jack begins his year as the new President.



JR finishes his year as President and finally gets to sit down and take a break.

WA9RDF
Repeater
146.835/
146.235 MHz
151.4 Hz PL
Tone

Weekly Net
Every Sunday
at 7PM EST

Tune in to hear
the ARRL
Newsline!

*The Mid-State
Amateur Radio Club
sponsors a weekly
traffic and social net
on our repeater. The
net begins at 7:00
p.m. local time, and
features local news,
announcements, and
NTS traffic, as well
as rebroadcasts of
Amateur Radio
Newsline.*

Weekly Net

Make sure to check out our weekly net, held every Sunday at 1900 (7 PM) local time.

This is a great chance to meet other local amateur radio operators and test your operating skills.

Newsline is often played, allowing net participants to get the latest news about the amateur radio hobby.

For those without the license or means to check in over the air, we offer an email check-in. Just send an email with your name and contact information to

netcontrol@midstatehams.org, and we will record your check-in!



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2007 Schedule of Events

Public Service Events and/or Educational/Testing Opportunities

OCTOBER 2007

20 **MARC Meeting - 8 AM**

VEC Testing immediately following the meeting (approx. 9:30 am)

Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN

21 **Indianapolis Marathon**

To volunteer or for more information contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at

www.indyhams.com

31 **Halloween Goblin Watch**

Details at October MARC meeting. To volunteer contact one of the officers of the club.

NOVEMBER 2007

17 **MARC Meeting - 8 AM**

VEC Testing immediately following the meeting (approx. 9:30 am)

Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN

17-18 **Ft. Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo**

Sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society; Event held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center, Fort Wayne, IN

24 **Evansville Hamfest**

Vanderburgh Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Evanville, IN

DECEMBER 2007

15 **MARC Meeting - 8 AM**

VEC Testing immediately following the meeting (approx. 9:30 am)

Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN

JANUARY 2007

1 **MARC begins its TWENTY-FIFTH year!**

Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the **THIRD SATURDAY** of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.